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SUBJ: TURKISH ARMED FORCES

1. TURKISH NEWSPAPER MILLIYET HAS CARRIED ARTICLE
BY ITS BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT MEHMET ALI BIRAND REPORTING
HIGH SHAPE OFFICIALS AS STATING THAT REORGANIZATION OF THE
TURKISH ARMY SHOULD BE ACCELERATED, AND CALLING FOR
STANDARDIZATION OF ARMS.

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THESE SHAPE OFFICIALS,
THOUGH SATISFIED WITH TURKISH ARMED FORCES REORGANIZATION
OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
INCREASING THE GROUND FORCES STRIKE FORCE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A DECREASE
IN MANPOWER WHICH WOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR BY INCREASED
MOBILITY. THIS LATTER GOAL WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY TURKEY'S
ALLIES, ALL OF WHOM WERE REPORTEDLY READY TO GIVE THEIR
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ASUISTANCE. GERMANY, IN PARTICULAR, WAS REPORTED TO BE

CONTEMPLATING THE TRANSFER OF M-48 TANKS TO TURKEY AS
SHE REPLACED THESE WITH JAGUAR (SIC) TANKS.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMED THAT SHAPE
OFFICIALS HAD NOTED THAT PLANS WERE BEING MADE TO
REORGANIZE ALL NATO ARMIES DURING 197 -80 AND THAT

PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO TURKEY'S AIR FORCE
AND NAVY WHICH WERE CONSIDERED WEAK BY COMPARISON WITH
GROUND FORCES.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO USNATO OR USNMR SHAPE
CONCERNING THE STATEMENTS REPORTED IN THIS ARTICLE.
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